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Applicant: SAY ET AL. Examiner: P. MALLARI
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Filed: NOVEMBER 5, 1999 Docket No.: 11554.6US11
Title: SENSOR FOR MEASURING A BIOANALYTE SUCH AS LACTATE

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 11, 2003, said period of response being extended from December 11, 2003 to March 11, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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